

**TOWN OF WEBSTER
Office of Select Board
945 Battle Street/Rte. 127
Webster, NH 03303**

6:30 pm Select Board's Meeting – March 18, 2013

Selectmen present: Selectman Bruce Johnson, Selectman Roy Fanjoy and Selectman Mason Donovan.

The Select Board welcomed newly elected Selectman Donovan.

Selectman Mason Donovan made a motion to elect Selectman Bruce Johnson as chairman for the ensuing year; seconded by Selectman Fanjoy and approved.

The Select Board signed the payroll and check manifests.

Chairman Johnson thanked the staff for their assistance at the Town Meeting.

The Select Board signed the following for Administrative Assistant Judith Jones:

- Selectman Fanjoy made a motion to accept the Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting held March 4, 2013 as written; seconded by Chairman Johnson and approved. Selectman Donovan did not vote.
- Selectman Fanjoy made a motion to accept the non-public session of March 4, 2013 as written; seconded by Chairman Johnson and approved. These minutes were not sealed. Selectman Donovan did not vote.
- Annual Junkyard License for Copart of Connecticut, Inc. This paperwork has not been completed.
- Mrs. Jones drafted a letter requested via e-mail from Jeff Earles of Cross Country to New England Power Company who wanted proof that Cross Country was the assessing company representing Webster. The Board signed the letter.
- Two Solar Exemptions.
- A Veteran's Exemption.

The Select Board signed the following for Financial Administrator Wendy Pinkham:

- February bank reconciliation.
- Surplus Distribution Agreement with State.
- Intent to Cut for Charles & Joyce Rose – Map 7-5.

Police Chief Robert Dupuis advised the Select Board of the following

- A vacation leave request for Lieutenant Philip Mitchell.
- 35 calls for service in the last two weeks with the highlights read.

Chairman Johnson and Chief Dupuis will attend the DARE graduation on Thursday at the Salisbury Elementary School.

Chairman Johnson confirmed with Chief Dupuis that he supports a Police Advisory Committee, which was then discussed. Selectman Donovan recommended that there be a more informal committee formed without any appointment. Selectman Johnson suggested that a more formal committee with members would ensure a better chance for success.

Selectman Donovan recommended that the Police and Fire Departments update their information on the Website. Updated information will be provided to Mrs. Jones to be entered on the Website.

Selectman Donovan requested a list of grants available to the Police Department for his review. Chief Dupuis advised that most grants come from Highway Safety, noting that all grants have strings attached. He also inquired as to whether or not mutual aid calls were part of the calls for service on the Chief's bi-monthly report, to which Chief Dupuis confirmed that they were. Selectman Donovan inquired about any arrests made in another jurisdiction, as to how they were reported. Chief Dupuis advised that they also were reported as department assists.

Selectman Donovan volunteered to speak with Boscawen Police Chief Wyman and Chairman Johnson volunteered to speak

with Selectman Saltmarsh about the Boscawen Police Committee. Chief Dupuis offered to attend the next meeting.

Selectman Fanjoy inquired about evidence being held that has not been returned to Town. No new information received.

Fire Chief Colin Colby advised the Board of the following:

- PO #3 to Trauma Program, Concord Hospital for 6 attendees to the trauma conference in the amount of \$300 was signed.
- PO #4 for the Fire Department to Beltronics for a Kenwood radio plus labor/installation in the amount of \$3,334.75 was signed.
- Central NH Fire Wardens Training Meeting in Boscawen scheduled for tomorrow night has been cancelled due to weather.
- The Fire Wardens Training, put on by the State, will be in Sutton and is tentatively scheduled for the first week in April.
- The Capital Area Meeting is this Thursday in Chichester. They will be reviewing the 2014 dispatch fees to come up with a new policy for payment distribution.
- There was a call at the elementary school yesterday, which was resolved. Chief Colby noted that there was no "Place of Assembly" posted in the gym as is needed. He will contact Life Safety Code Enforcer Tom Godfrey to correct this.
- Chief Colby expressed interest in a computer to aid in presentations and trainings, etc. There was discussion on the purchase of a used one or if the computer is returned from evidence, then sharing that unit. Selectman Donovan advised that there are free computers available through freecycle.com. He will check into this.
- Chief Colby explained the staff needs of the Fire Department as he had made a request at the Town Meeting for new members or the return of former members. Selectman Donovan inquired as to whether members were allowed that reside in other communities, which Chief Colby explained did not seem to work out well in the past. Chief Colby explained the training required and the possible costs the Town might incur should there ever be paid staff.
- Selectman Fanjoy inquired about replacement of the ambulance. Chief Colby advised that the plan is to request a new or refurbished one in four years.

Road Agent Emmett Bean discussed the posting of the roads, advising that he visited Copart on Deer Meadow Road to discuss this. Discussion ensued about applicability of the postings, possible fines, road improvements, etc. Mr. Bean recommended that the Board send a letter to Copart along with the copies of the applicable statutes. Chairman Johnson volunteered to review the material presented by Mr. Bean tonight and to draft a letter to be sent to Copart.

Selectman Donovan requested that Mr. Bean provide the Town with a wish list of items for his department.

Sandra Starkey tendered her resignation as a Trustee of the Trust Funds. The Board thanked her for her more than 25-years of service. Sue Barnes, Library Trustee, recommended the appointment of Nancy Pitchall-French to fulfill Mrs. Starkey's term until 2014. Selectman Fanjoy made a motion to appoint Nancy Pitchall-French as a Library Trustee until 2014; seconded by Selectman Donovan and approved.

Chairman Johnson advised of the Energy Committee Meeting, which was working on solar panels for the Public Safety Building. Marty Bender presented a proposal. Mr. Bender received Board approval to pursue the project further. The next Energy Committee is scheduled for April 10th. The Committee expects another proposal(s) to be presented. Chairman Johnson made a motion to appoint Jere Buckley as a member of the Energy Committee, seconded by Selectman Fanjoy and approved.

Selectman Fanjoy talked with Contoocook Well Company regarding the media filter needed for the water filter system. The blue pressure tank is full of sand and needs replacing. The well pump does not set on the bottom, but is near the area of the hydro-fracture and is bringing in sand. Selectman Fanjoy volunteered to look into the cost to resolve all of these issues.

Chief Dupuis received a grant from the Department of Safety for a radio. Selectman Donovan made a motion to accept the grant for the radio in the amount of \$3,537.84; seconded by Selectman Fanjoy and approved. Chief Dupuis advised that he had also received a check for around \$222 for programming the radio. Mrs. Pinkham advised that when he received the actual bill for the programming, he could charge it to the grant line in the PD budget if the Board approved.

Tom Godfrey, Life Safety Code Enforcement Officer, has tendered his resignation, effective upon his replacement or until April 15th. Mrs. Jones is to contact Tom Baye of Warner as he had filled in previously for this purpose. The Board will also see if anyone local is interested. Chief Colby advised that there has been a request by Copart on Deer Meadow Road for a diesel storage permit, which has not been issued to his knowledge.

Selectman Donovan, referring to RSA 21:28 II, presented some history of the term Selectman. He then recommended that from here on the Board of Selectmen be referred to as the Select Board. Selectman Donovan made a motion to refer to the Board as the Select Board and the meetings as the Select Board Meeting; seconded by Selectman Fanjoy and approved.

Selectman Fanjoy inquired of Chief Dupuis as to whether or not he had a general mailbox for messages on the answering machine at the Police Station. He responded that he did not, but would look into it.

Committee appointments that expire in 2013 and any new positions open or new committees will be reviewed on April 1st. Per Select Board request, Mrs. Jones will seek input from all committee Chairs. Jere Buckley inquired as to who the Select Board ex-officio member will be to the Planning Board. It will be Selectman Roy Fanjoy. Ellen Kontinos-Cilley advised that Barbara Corliss is the newly-elected Chairman of the Refuse Disposal Committee this year.

Chairman Johnson opened discussion to the audience.

Jon Pearson commented on the frequent visibility of the Webster cruiser in the Town of Boscawen. Chairman Johnson referred Mr. Pearson to Chief Dupuis, advising that all complaints regarding the Police Department are to be directed to him per Town Policy. Chief Dupuis requested more information from Mr. Pearson so that he may follow-up on this issue.

Joan Doucette commented to Chief Dupuis that Asplundt, the company trimming trees locally, does not have proper signage for traffic control. Chief Dupuis advised that he had spoken with them in the past and has advised them that if necessary the Police Department will provide traffic control detail at a fee.

Emmett Bean, as a resident of the Town, shared that the response given by Chairman Johnson at this year's Town Meeting regarding taking care of issues from the last Town Meeting was not adequate.

Richard Inman inquired about the assessment of property in the Pillsbury Lake District regarding additional assessment for water front and water access. He was advised that all properties in the District have an additional assessment for these.

The Board decided to have five members for the Hazard Mitigation Committee.

The Board recommended the Police Advisory Committee to be discussed further at the next meeting.

8:40 pm Selectman Donovan made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Selectman Fanjoy and approved.

Bruce G. Johnson, Chairman
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Roy E. Fanjoy

Mason W. Donovan